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TREPONEMA PALLIDUM ANTIBODIES USING THE SAME FUSED

ANTIGEN

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

A discussion of the Support for the Amendments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.